

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department – Disciplinary case of Sri B.M. Chanakya Raju, FRO formerly Chalama Range of Nandyal Division – Article of Charge issued - Further defence received – Provisional decision to impose a penalty of “5% cut in pension for a period of 5 years and recovery of Rs.10,700/- with interest of 10% per annum, duly adjusting the amount already remitted” - Issue of Show-Cause-Notice – Explanation called for – Final Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 86

Dated: 10-08-2018
Read the following:-

- Ref: 1. From the PCCF, Lr.No.4848/2004/K1, dt:13.04.2006.
2. Govt.Memo.No.3046/For.IV/2006, dt:21.09.2006.
3. G.M.No.3046/For.IV/A2/2006, dt:07.1.2016.
4. From the PCCF, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Ref.No.4848/2004/A&DC-1, Dt:25.7.2016.
5. Govt.D.O.Lr.No.3046/For.IV/A2/2006, dt:03.08.2016.
6. From the PCCF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.4848/2004/Vig-1, dt:13.07.2017.
7. Govt.Memo.No.3046/Sec.IV/A2/2006, Dt:05.09.2017.
8. From the PCCF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.4848/2004/Vig-1, dt:14.02.2017.
9. Govt.Memo.No.3046/Sec.IV/A2/2006, Dt:14.11.2017.
10. From the PCCF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.4848/2004/Vig-1, dt:14.09.2017.
11. Govt.Memo.No.3046/Sec.IV/A2/2006, Dt:28.02.2018.
12. From the PCCF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.4848/2004/A&DC-3, dt:12.06.2018.
13. Govt. Lr.No.3046/Sec.IV/A2/2006, dated:26.06.2018.
14. From the APPSC, Lr. No.413/DC&C/2018, dt.11.07.2018.

ORDER:

In the reference 8th read above, the PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Guntur has informed that, an Article of Charge was issued to Sri B.M.Chanakya Raju, Forest Range Officer, formerly Chalama Range of Wildlife Nandyal Division by the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Guntur under Rule 20 of the APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 vide letter dated.11.04.2017 on the following count:-

Article:	<i>"That Sri B.M.Chanakya Raju, Assistant Conservator of Forests formerly while working as Forest Range Officer, Chelama Range of Nandyal Wildlife Division has grossly neglected his legitimate duties resulting irregular expenditure of Rs.50,463/- incurred on execution of works in Pacherla Section of Chelama Range."</i>
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2. The Charged Officer submitted his explanation on 02.05.2017. Not satisfied with his explanation, the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests appointed the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool as Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Nandyal(WL) Division as Presenting Officer vide PCCF Proc.No.4848/2004/Vig-1(i&ii), dt.14.09.2017 for conducting regular enquiry.

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3. The Inquiry Officer submitted his findings vide Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Rc.6006/2009/M1, dt.25.10.2017, in which he stated that:

Findings:-

After going through the material records, statements and oral evidence adduced before him the following his final conclusion on the Charged levelled against the Charged Officer.

"The Charged Officer is responsible for the work executed by him. The Charged Officer stated that the work was washed off due to heavy rains, the work was check measured by the then Divisional Forest Officer also before the rains. However, the Charged Officer has already paid the share of his expenditure(irregular) i.e., Rs.10,700/- the loss has been recovered. Since, the Charged Officer has already retired and remitted his share of excess expenditure the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), AP,Guntur may take further action".

4. The Charged Officer retired from Government Service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.07.2017.

5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiring Officer, the remarks of the Prl.Chief Conservation of Forests, and material made available, Government have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years and recovery of Rs.10,700/- with interest of 10% per annum, duly adjusting the amount already remitted" on the charged officer, Sri B.M.Chanakya Raju, ACF(Retd.), formerly worked as Forest Range Officer, Chelama Range of Nandyal Wildlife Division, for the charge held proved, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly, a show-cause notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 11th cited. The Charged Officer acknowledged the show-cause notice on 28.04.2018 and submitted his further defence statement on 10.05.2018 in which there are no fresh and new valid points.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby order to impose a penalty of "5% cut in pension for a period of five (5) years and recovery of Rs.10,700/- with interest of 10% per annum, duly adjusting the amount already remitted" against the Charged Officer Sri B.M.Chanakya Raju, ACF(Retd.), formerly worked as Forest Range Officer, Chelama Range of Nandyal Wildlife Division under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur shall take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests)

Copy to:

The Accountant General (A&E), A.P, Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, Vijayawada (with ref. to Lr.No.413/DC&C/2018, dt.03.08.2018.)
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER